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The North Carolina Office of School Readiness Preliminary Announcement of Statewide Professional Development

Plan ahead for the 2007-2008 school year! The NC Office of School Readiness is planning a broad range of statewide professional development opportunities to support high-quality early education.

Please share this announcement with superintendents, principals, directors, pre-k teachers and assistants, and other appropriate pre-k staff!

To assist planning for next year, and as a reference throughout the school year, training announcements will be placed on the OSR website (<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/Office/Education/ConferenceTraining.asp>). The website information will include dates and location of training, and registration instructions.

Topics for professional development for 2007–2008 may include:

- Foundations – NC Early Learning Standards
- Creative Curriculum and the Assessment Toolkit
- High/Scope & COR
- DIAL-3
- BRIGANCE® SCREENS-II
- Promoting Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Preschoolers
- Literacy /Math Training
- Inquiry Based Learning – Science Level I and II
- Take a Closer Look – NC Botanical Garden
- Pre-K/K TPAI (Teacher Performance Appraisal Instrument)
- Developing High-Quality Outdoor Learning Environments
- Family Involvement

Professional development opportunities continue to be available through **OSR's Preschool Demonstration Program**. Information about this program is available on the OSR website:

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/Office/Education/pdf/DPIDemoPreschoolProgram.pdf>.

Also, plan ahead for upcoming conferences during the summer and early fall:

- **National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute**, July 31 – August 2 in Chapel Hill (<http://nectac.org/>)
- **Basic Skills and Family Literacy Conference** – August 1 – 3 in New Bern, details to be announced
- **NCaeyc 2007 Annual Conference**, Sept. 13 – 15 in Greensboro (www.ncaeyc.org)

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